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<p>As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD OF REPAIRING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, for which an application for Letters Patent was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 21, 2000, Serial No. 09/598,926.</p> <p>I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.</p> <p>I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). <u>PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)</u></p> <p>I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:</p>		
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PCT/DE98/03682	15 December 1998	National Stage
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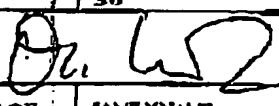

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